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E.O. 12065: RDS-2 12/25/91 (FUNDERBURK, DAVID) OR-M TAGS: PEPR, PL, RO, US MESSAGE FOR PRESIDENT REAGAN FROM ROMANIAN SUBJECT: PRESIDENT CEAUSESCU

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I WAS SUMMONED TO MEET WITH FOREIGN MINISTER STEFAN ANDREI AT 2000 ON DECEMBER 25 AND GIVEN THE SIX PAGE TEXT OF A LETTER IN ROMANIAN FROM PRESIDENT CEAUSESCU TO PRESIDENT REAGAN. IN IT CEAUSESCU TAKES THE VIEW THAT THE RECENT U.S. ACTIONS REGARDING POLAND MAKE MATTERS WORSE ("CREATE NEW DIFFICULTIES FOR THE POLISH PEOPLE AND MAKE MORE DIFFICULT THE PROCESS OF NORMALIZATION IN POLAND."). HE STATES THAT INSTEAD, IN THE PRESENT VOLATILE SITUATION, THE POLES SHOULD BE LEFT TO SOLVE THEIR OWN PROBLEMS WHILE RECEIVING INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE. OTHERWISE, IN CEAUSESCU'S VIEW, THE SITUATION IN POLAND MAY WORSEN

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AND THUS RESULT IN FOREIGN ARMED INTERVENTION.

3. ANDREI, IN GIVING ME THE LETTER, MADE SIMILAR POINTS ORALLY, BUT ADDED THAT IN ANY EVENT ROMANIA WOULD NOT INTERVENE IN POLAND WHATEVER HAPPENED. HE CONTINUED THAT ROMANIA, THOUGH IT BELIEVED THAT THE PRESENT MEASURES BEING TAKEN IN POLAND WERE ONLY THE LESSER EVIL, THOUGHT THAT THE POLES SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO SOLVE THEIR OWN PROBLEMS.

4. I WILL TRANSMIT OUR INFORMAL TRANSLATION OF THE FULL TEXT OF THE LETTER AND A FULLER ACCOUNT OF ANDREI'S REMARKS ON DECEMBER 26. THE ROMANIANS PROMISED THEIR ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEXT OF THE LETTER ON DECEMBER 28. FUNDERBURK

END OF MESSAGE

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